

EXHIBIT 5A

PETITION FOR BANKRUPTCY

**United States Bankruptcy Court
District of Delaware**

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): TRIBUNE COMPANY	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): See Attachment 1	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all): 36-1880355	Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): 435 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL ZIP CODE 60611	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): ZIP CODE
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook County, IL	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP CODE	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): ZIP CODE
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE

Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	Nature of Business (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding
	Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code)	Nature of Debts (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(B) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or house- hold purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts.

Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only) Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.	Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,190,000. Check all applicable boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
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Statistical/Administrative Information

- ☒ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
☐ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for
 distribution to unsecured creditors.

Estimated Number of Creditors

☐ 1-49 ☐ 50-99 ☐ 100-199 ☐ 200-999 ☒ 1,000-5,000 ☐ 5,001-10,000 ☐ 10,001-25,000 ☐ 25,001-50,000 ☐ 50,001-100,000 ☐ Over-100,000

Estimated Assets

☐ \$0 to \$50,000 ☐ \$50,001 to \$100,000 ☐ \$100,001 to \$500,000 ☐ \$500,001 to \$1 million ☐ \$1,000,001 to \$10 million ☐ \$10,000,001 to \$50 million ☐ \$50,000,001 to \$100 million ☐ \$100,000,001 to \$500 million ☐ \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion ☒ More than \$1 billion

Estimated Liabilities

☐ \$0 to \$50,000 ☐ \$50,001 to \$100,000 ☐ \$100,001 to \$500,000 ☐ \$500,001 to \$1 million ☐ \$1,000,001 to \$10 million ☐ \$10,000,001 to \$50 million ☐ \$50,000,001 to \$100 million ☐ \$100,000,001 to \$500 million ☐ \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion ☒ More than \$1 billion

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Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): TRIBUNE COMPANY	
All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed: <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor: <div style="text-align: center;">See Attachment 2</div>	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
District: <div style="text-align: center;">District of Delaware</div>	Relationship:	Judge:	
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that (he or she) may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> X _____ _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date </div>	
Exhibit C			
Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No See Attachment 3			
Exhibit D			
(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
If this is a joint petition:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)			
<div style="text-align: center;"> _____ (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ (Address of landlord) </div>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification (11 U.S.C. § 362(f)).			

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s): TRIBUNE COMPANY

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X

Signature of Debtor

X

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

X

Signature of Attorney

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

James F. Conlan

Norman L. Pernick (2290)

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Sidley Austin LLP

Cole, Scholtz, Meisel,
Forman & Leonard, P.A.

Firm Name

One South Dearborn St.

1000 N. West St., Ste 1200

Chicago, IL 60603

Wilmington, DE 19801

Address

312-853-7000

302-652-3131

Telephone Number

December 8, 2008

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X

Signature of Authorized Individual

Chandler Bigelow III

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Title of Authorized Individual

December 8, 2008

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box)

☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.

☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X

(Signature of Foreign Representative)

X

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that Section. Official Form 19B is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X

Date

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

ATTACHMENT 1 TO VOLUNTARY PETITION

All other names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years:

Prior Legal Name:

Times Mirror Corporation (merger)

ATTACHMENT 2 TO VOLUNTARY PETITION

Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by Affiliates of the Debtor:

On December 8, 2008, each of the affiliated entities listed below, including the Debtor in this chapter 11 case (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed a petition in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Tribune Company is the direct or indirect parent corporation of each of the other Debtors. Contemporaneously with the filing of their voluntary petitions, the Debtors filed a motion requesting that the Court consolidate their chapter 11 cases for administrative purposes only.

The Debtors are the following entities:

Tribune Company
435 Production Company
5800 Sunset Productions Inc.
Baltimore Newspaper Networks, Inc.
California Community News Corporation
Candle Holdings Corporation
Channel 20, Inc.
Channel 39, Inc.
Channel 40, Inc.
Chicago Avenue Construction Company
Chicago River Production Company
Chicago Tribune Company
Chicago Tribune Newspapers, Inc.
Chicago Tribune Press Service, Inc.
ChicagoLand Microwave Licensee, Inc.
Chicagoland Publishing Company
Chicagoland Television News, Inc.
Courant Specialty Products, Inc.
Direct Mail Associates, Inc.
Distribution Systems of America, Inc.
Eagle New Media Investments, LLC
Eagle Publishing Investments, LLC
forsalebyowner.com corp.
ForSaleByOwner.com Referral Services, LLC
Fortify Holdings Corporation
Forum Publishing Group, Inc.
Gold Coast Publications, Inc.

GreenCo, Inc.
 Heart & Crown Advertising, Inc.
 Homeowners Realty, Inc.
 Homestead Publishing Co.
 Hoy, LLC
 Hoy Publications, LLC
 InsertCo, Inc.
 Internet Foreclosure Service, Inc.
 JuliusAir Company, LLC
 JuliusAir Company II, LLC
 KIAH Inc.
 KPLR, Inc.
 KSWB Inc.
 KTLA Inc.
 KWGN Inc.
 Los Angeles Times Communications LLC
 Los Angeles Times International, Ltd.
 Los Angeles Times Newspapers, Inc.
 Magic T Music Publishing Company
 NBBF, LLC
 Neocomm, Inc.
 New Mass. Media, Inc.
 New River Center Maintenance Association, Inc.
 Newscom Services, Inc.
 Newspaper Readers Agency, Inc.
 North Michigan Production Company
 North Orange Avenue Properties, Inc.
 Oak Brook Productions, Inc.
 Orlando Sentinel Communications Company
 Patuxent Publishing Company
 Publishers Forest Products Co. of Washington
 Sentinel Communications News Ventures, Inc.
 Shepard's Inc.
 Signs of Distinction, Inc.
 Southern Connecticut Newspapers, Inc.
 Star Community Publishing Group, LLC
 Stemweb, Inc.
 Sun-Sentinel Company
 The Baltimore Sun Company
 The Daily Press, Inc.
 The Hartford Courant Company
 The Morning Call, Inc.
 The Other Company LLC
 Times Mirror Land and Timber Company
 Times Mirror Payroll Processing Company, Inc.
 Times Mirror Services Company, Inc.

TMLH 2, Inc.
TMLS I, Inc.
TMS Entertainment Guides, Inc.
Tower Distribution Company
Towering T Music Publishing Company
Tribune Broadcast Holdings, Inc.
Tribune Broadcasting Company
Tribune Broadcasting Holdco, LLC
Tribune Broadcasting News Network, Inc.
Tribune California Properties, Inc.
Tribune Direct Marketing, Inc.
Tribune Entertainment Company
Tribune Entertainment Production Company
Tribune Finance, LLC
Tribune Finance Service Center, Inc.
Tribune License, Inc.
Tribune Los Angeles, Inc.
Tribune Manhattan Newspaper Holdings, Inc.
Tribune Media Net, Inc.
Tribune Media Services, Inc.
Tribune Network Holdings Company
Tribune New York Newspaper Holdings, LLC
Tribune NM, Inc.
Tribune Publishing Company
Tribune Television Company
Tribune Television Holdings, Inc.
Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc.
Tribune Television Northwest, Inc.
ValuMail, Inc.
Virginia Community Shoppers, LLC
Virginia Gazette Companies, LLC
WATL, LLC
WCWN LLC
WDCW Broadcasting, Inc.
WGN Continental Broadcasting Company
WLVI Inc.
WPIX, Inc.
WTTX Inc.

ATTACHMENT 3 TO VOLUNTARY PETITION

All real or personal property owned by or in possession of the debtor that, to the best of the debtor's knowledge, poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety:

The Debtor does not believe it owns or possesses any real or personal property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to the public health or safety.

**CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF TRIBUNE COMPANY**

I, David Eldersveld, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary of Tribune Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") hereby certify that the following resolutions were duly adopted by all of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company at a telephonic meeting held on December 8, 2008 in accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company and Section 141(i) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and that said resolutions have not been modified or rescinded, and are still in full force and effect on the date hereof:

RESOLVED, that in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Company, it is desirable and in the best interests of the Company, its creditors, stockholders, employees, and other interested parties that a petition be filed by the Company seeking relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code");

RESOLVED, that any individual duly appointed by the Board of Directors as the Chief Executive Officer, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer (each, an "Authorized Officer" and together, the "Authorized Officers") are, and each of them is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of, and in the name of, the Company to execute and verify or certify a petition under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and to cause the same to be filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court") at such time as said Authorized Officer executing the same shall determine and in such form or forms as such Authorized Officer may approve;

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, One South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, be, and hereby is, retained and employed as attorneys for the Company in connection with the prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A., 1000 N. West Street, Suite 1200, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, be, and hereby is, retained and employed as Delaware attorneys for the Company in connection with the prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the financial advisory and asset management firm of Lazard Ltd., 190 LaSalle Street, 31st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603 and 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, be and hereby is, retained and employed as financial and asset management consultants for the Company in connection with prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the financial advisory firm of Alvarez & Marsal North America LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 4000, Chicago, IL 60603, be and hereby is, retained and employed as financial consultants for the Company in connection with prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the firm of Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC, 757 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10017, be and hereby is, retained and employed as claims, noticing, and balloting agents for the Company in connection with prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the public relations firm of Edelman, 200 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, be and hereby is, retained and employed as public relations agents for the Company in connection with prosecution of the Company's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute and file any and all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings, and other papers, and to take any and all further actions which the Authorized Officers or the Company's legal counsel may deem necessary or appropriate to file the voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds which they deem necessary, proper or desirable in connection with the chapter 11 case, with a view to the successful prosecution of such case including, without limitation, seeking authority to guarantee or borrow, and borrowing, amounts under any post-petition financing facility for itself or its affiliates, and granting liens, guarantees, pledges, mortgages and/or other security therefor and filing financing statements, mortgages, intellectual property security agreements and other documents related thereto;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to employ and retain legal counsel, financial advisors, accountants and other professionals, to advise the Company in connection with its case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Company to take such actions to make, sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver (and record in the relevant office of the secretary of state or the county clerk, if necessary) any and all such agreements listed above (including exhibits thereto), including any and all affidavits, orders, directions, certificates, requests, receipts, financing statements, or other instruments as may reasonably be required to give effect to these Resolutions, and to execute and deliver such agreements (including exhibits thereto) and related documents, and to fully perform the terms and provisions thereof;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers, be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of, and in the name of, the Company to execute any and all plans of reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, including any and all modifications, supplements, and amendments thereto, and to cause the same to be filed in the Bankruptcy Court at such time as said Authorized Officer executing the same shall determine;


RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Company to take such actions and to make, sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such additional documents, agreements and certificates as may be reasonably required to give effect to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by these Resolutions and any chapter 11 plan of reorganization, and to execute and deliver such

documents, agreements and certificates, and to fully perform the terms and provisions thereof;
and

RESOLVED, that to the extent that any of the actions authorized by any of these
Resolutions have been taken by the Authorized Officers of the Company on its behalf, such
actions are hereby ratified and confirmed in their entirety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this written certificate as of the
8th day of December, 2008.

TRIBUNE COMPANY



By: David Eldersveld
Title: Vice President, Deputy General Counsel
and Secretary